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▶ The Rainbow Warrior II heads to Moruroa Atoll in Polynesia in 1995 to protest French nuclear testing.

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Happy 40th birthday to Greenpeace

The environmental group that got its start in a Vancouver home marks a milestone today. Its founders sparked a generation of activism that continues to this day. More coverage, pages 6-7.

Hopley to undergo testing

- Court orders psychiatric evaluation
- Kidnap suspect returns to court Nov. 9

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▶ Randall Hopley is led out of the Cranbrook courthouse yesterday.

Accused child abductor Randall Hopley is "sad and sorry" and was possibly under a suicide watch a day after his arrest, his lawyer says.

Hopley, 46, made his first court appearance yesterday in Cranbrook, 70 kilometres southwest of Sparwood, which was gripped in fear for a week after three-year-old Kienan Hebert was taken from his home. Hebert was returned home on Sunday and Hopley was hunted down Tuesday by a police dog.

"Mr. Hopley is very sad and sorry for being in the situation that he's in," said his lawyer, William Thorne, who has represented Hopley once before.

"He's also glad to see that the young boy got returned home safely. I don't know if he is under any suicide watch, but I wouldn't be surprised if he was."

At court yesterday, Hopley sat quietly as he was ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation and return to court Nov. 9.

"Mr. Hopley is tired, exhausted," Thorne said outside court.

He is charged with kidnapping, abduction of a child under 14 and break-and-enter. He's also been charged with two counts of breach of probation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Passenger can't recall victim being hit

The brother of a Langley man charged with running down and killing 21-year-old Silas O'Brien in 2008 told the court yesterday he didn't recall anyone had been hit until he saw it on TV the next morning.

Lloyd Teneycke, who was in the passenger seat at the time of the incident, said his brother Brent Parent told him that another vehicle came into contact with his and may have left the road. They then decided to drive back to make sure no one had been hurt, he added.

"The first thing that may have caught my eye was the truck and then a line of people on the fog line or in the ditch," Teneycke testified.

He claimed two men rushed toward their vehicle, appearing hostile and agitated. He added that they seemed ready to "grab for the door or kick the vehicle."

"I was kind of surprised and startled," Teneycke testified. "I said, 'Let's get the hell out of here.'"

No one appeared to be injured, so the brothers sped up and left the scene, he added.

O'Brien's sister, Elizabeth Nowakowski, said in a prepared statement outside court the family misses Silas, who was a "spark" in their tight-knit family.

"Silas was taken so tragically and by such a senseless act," Nowakowski added. "(It's) a moment that's changed our lives dramatically forever. We trust that our justice system will not disappoint us."

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▶ A patient uses the Lokomat exoskeleton during rehabilitation at the ICORD centre for spinal-cord research and treatment in Vancouver.

From Hollywood to a future near you

Local researcher delves into science behind Iron Man ◐ Neuroscience and robotics can help people recover from spinal-cord injuries

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Think Robert Downey Jr. running around in a robotic suit is pure fiction?

Think again.

Dr. Paul Zehr, a kinesiology and neuroscience professor at the University of Victoria and researcher at the B.C.-based ICORD centre for spinal-cord research and treatment, is using the premise of Iron Man to introduce the public to real-world advances in science.

"We are heading towards these ideas," said Zehr, who has written the book Inventing Iron Man: The possibility of a human machine. "We're getting to the point where all these sciences will start coming together and converge in a place where you could have a robotic suit soon, within the next 30 years."

Zehr doesn't have to look much further than his workplace for proof.

At ICORD, physicians use a set of exoskeletal "pants," known as the Lokomat, on a treadmill to help stroke and spinal-cord-injury victims regain stepping and walking patterns during rehabilitation.

In other parts of the world, scientists have developed technologies that allow people to connect their brains to a machine — for instance, allowing a person to control a mouse cursor with their mind.

▶ Dr. Paul Zehr

The science and ideas behind the advances can be daunting, so Zehr turned to comic books to help explain it to people without dumbing down the subject matter.

"When I say Iron Man, we all have the same image in our head," he said. "Once we're thinking in the same terms, we can educate people on how their body works and what's possible."

Zehr, who discussed his work at Comic-Con International in San Diego earlier this year, is presenting a free panel on his book and research Tuesday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m. at the Blusson Spinal Cord Centre at Vancouver General Hospital.

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Robust public transit is one of the keys to integrating immigrants in Canada, a new paper argues. Scan code for story.

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Olivia Chow tears up as she thanks members of the NDP caucus for their support after Jack Layton's death. Video at metronews.ca

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Aerial ballet. Seven storeys high

▶ Aeriosa dancers glide effortlessly across the wall of the Scotiabank Dance Centre yesterday.

CHELSEA ALTICE/METRO

Is this the height of artistry?

Suspended dancers glided seven storeys above Vancouver streets yesterday to preview Being, which opens tonight and runs three nights to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Scotiabank Dance Centre. Aeriosa performed for the centre's opening in 2001. "We feel like we've grown together," said Heather Bray, the centre's marketing manager. Free workshops and performances ranging from hula-hooping to ballet will be offered at the centre (677 Davie St.) on Saturday and Sunday.

Celebs in tune with charity ride

- Colin James and Chin Injeti gear up for fundraiser
- Tenth annual Music Therapy Ride set for Saturday

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▶ Motorcyclists line up for last year's Music Therapy Ride to Whistler. The ride has raised more than $350,000 over 10 years.

Blues rocker Colin James and producer Chin Injeti, who recently collaborated on Eminem's Recovery album, will be among riders on Saturday for the annual Music Therapy Ride to Whistler.

Used in many care centres, music therapy includes singing, songwriting and instrument playing to improve clients' physical and emotional health.

It is Injeti's third year with the ride.

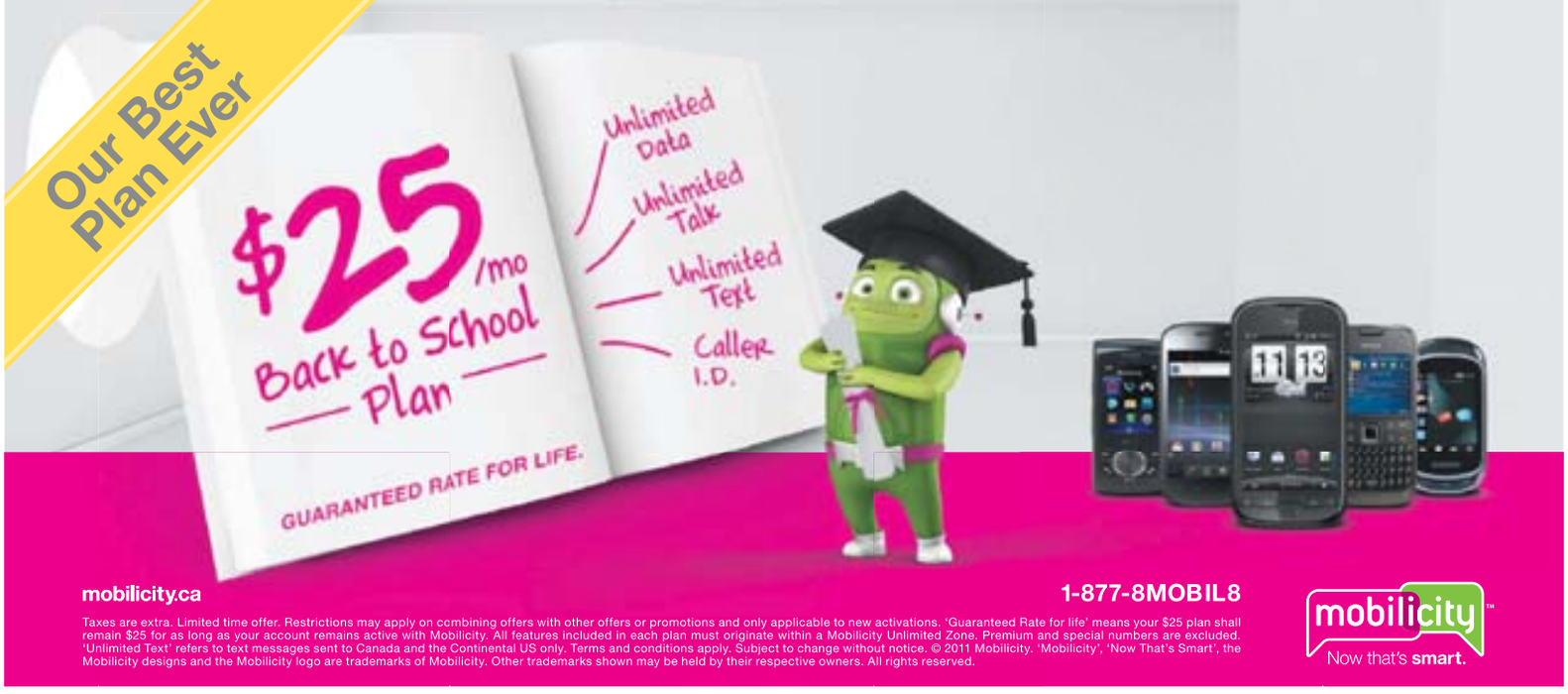
"It completely rehabilitated me," said the Vancouver-based artist.

Injeti suffered from polio as a child and music therapy was used to help him regain movement after years in a wheelchair.

"Think of the way your favourite song makes you feel when it comes on the radio," said Patrick Zulinov, founding member and organizer of Music Therapy Ride.

"That feeling is amplified 100 times in the hospital bed."

Online registration to ride is possible up to Saturday at: musictherapyride.org



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Growing up Greenpeace

Daughter of Greenpeace founders sees herself as link to the past and present ◐ Global movement started in her family's living room

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Sometimes, history lands right in your living room.

It did for Barbara Stowe.

She was just 14 years old when her parents, Dorothy and Irving, gathered friends in their Vancouver home and formed what would become the global movement of activism and environmentalism known as Greenpeace 40 years ago.

"That's the kind of family we were," Stowe recalls.

"On Saturday, some kids went on ski trips with their parents on the weekend. We went downtown and marched in anti-war demonstrations."

And though she was shy and reluctant to embrace this newfound idea of activism, Stowe instantly recognized the spark that led to the first Greenpeace anti-nuclear testing mission on this day in 1971.

"I was moved by my parents' passion," Stowe said.

"They were well educated, deeply into philosophy and weren't the kind of people to take action and not think about it."

Her father died of cancer in 1974 and Stowe moved to New York a couple of years later to pursue a dancing career.

Though she knew activists continued to visit her mother over the years, Stowe had no idea Greenpeace had gone on to become the largest eco watchdog in the world and an established entity in over 40 countries.

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BARBARA STOWE, DAUGHTER OF GREENPEACE FOUNDERS DOROTHY AND IRVING STOWE

"I'd wish Greenpeace would just leave us alone," she said.

That changed in 2003, when Stowe toured Greenpeace vessel Esperanza.

Suddenly, the scope of the organization and her family's legacy hit home.

Since then, Stowe has embraced her place in the Greenpeace narrative and treasures sharing stories of her late parents' exploits.

"There is a lot of pride there when I look back at it now," she said.

"Now I'm the fond aunt, helping to link the new generation with the past."

Even to this day, Greenpeace continues on in the spirit of her parents.

"My dad only had two points in the charter. To stop nuclear testing and to preserve the environment," Stowe said.

"In that sense, Greenpeace is still fighting the same battles as they did in the beginning."

▶ A photograph by Robert Keziere of the very first Greenpeace voyage, The aim of the trip was to halt nuclear tests in Amchitka Island by saili

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, which departed Vancouver on Sept. 15, 1971.
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Firmly rooted in its values

It's an organization that sparked a generation of environmentalism and action, but its director would prefer Greenpeace not exist.

Not because the world doesn't need committed activists, scientists and researchers to stand up for the planet — it does.

But on the organization's 40th birthday, Greenpeace Canada executive director Bruce Cox says the perfect world would be one that instinctively puts the environment first.

"The overarching goal is to see Greenpeace disappear in the next 40 years," Cox said.

"We want government to be responsible and deal with these issues but they're not. Until they do, there's a need for environmental organizations like us."

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Greenpeace Canada will celebrate its 40th birthday on Sept. 17. The organization was founded in Vancouver in 1971.

Because of Greenpeace's early exploits, thousands of similar organizations have sprung up around the world.

It's proof that people can make a difference, Cox said.

"We should all take inspiration from it," he said.

"(Greenpeace) started out as a small group of people that took a stand and tried to change the way things are. I truly believe we make our own future."

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Teachers and province at impasse

BARGAINING RIGHTS. Education Minister George Abbott says he's disappointed the union representing B.C. teachers is refusing to look at the province's proposal for solving a court dispute. B.C. Supreme Court told the government in April it needed to work with the union after ruling legislation from 2002 violates the teachers' bargaining rights. Abbott says the province is willing to invest tens of millions of dollars in a plan for special-needs children. But union president Susan Lambert says underfunding is a separate issue and wants the legislation repealed with all the former rights put back in the collective agreement.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kamloops sewer spill closes road

SEWAGE MISHAP. A Kamloops city employee was suspended without pay, while several others got special coaching, after human error led to a July sewage spill that closed a road and mucked up a pond. KAMLOOPS DAILY NEWS

Documenting life on the beat

New blog to capture gritty reality of policing

A Vancouver police officer has launched a new blog that aims to give the public an idea of what it is like to be a police officer in the Downtown Eastside.

Focusing only on his observations and feelings, Vancouver Const. Steve Addison said the blog will not include details about crimes the department is investigating.

"This is not my place to get political," explained Addison. "I'd like to help inform, educate, encourage discussion and spark debates."

So far the blog, beatcopdiary.vpd.ca, features photos and essays on some of the people in the area and their stories on how they came to be where they are.

Working as a reporter for eight years, Addison received encouragement to continue writing and documenting his experiences when he joined the VPD in 2006. "The idea (for the blog) was born out of this desire that I had to document my career for myself and for my family," said Addison. "Then it morphed into this thing where I thought maybe people would like to read this."

Addison is part of the beat enforcement team, a group of officers concentrated in the Downtown Eastside.

"Policing is about more than driving fast with lights and sirens," said Addison. "It's about sometimes being that frontline social worker, being the psychiatrist in blue, being part of the community." ARIANA KAKNEVICIUS

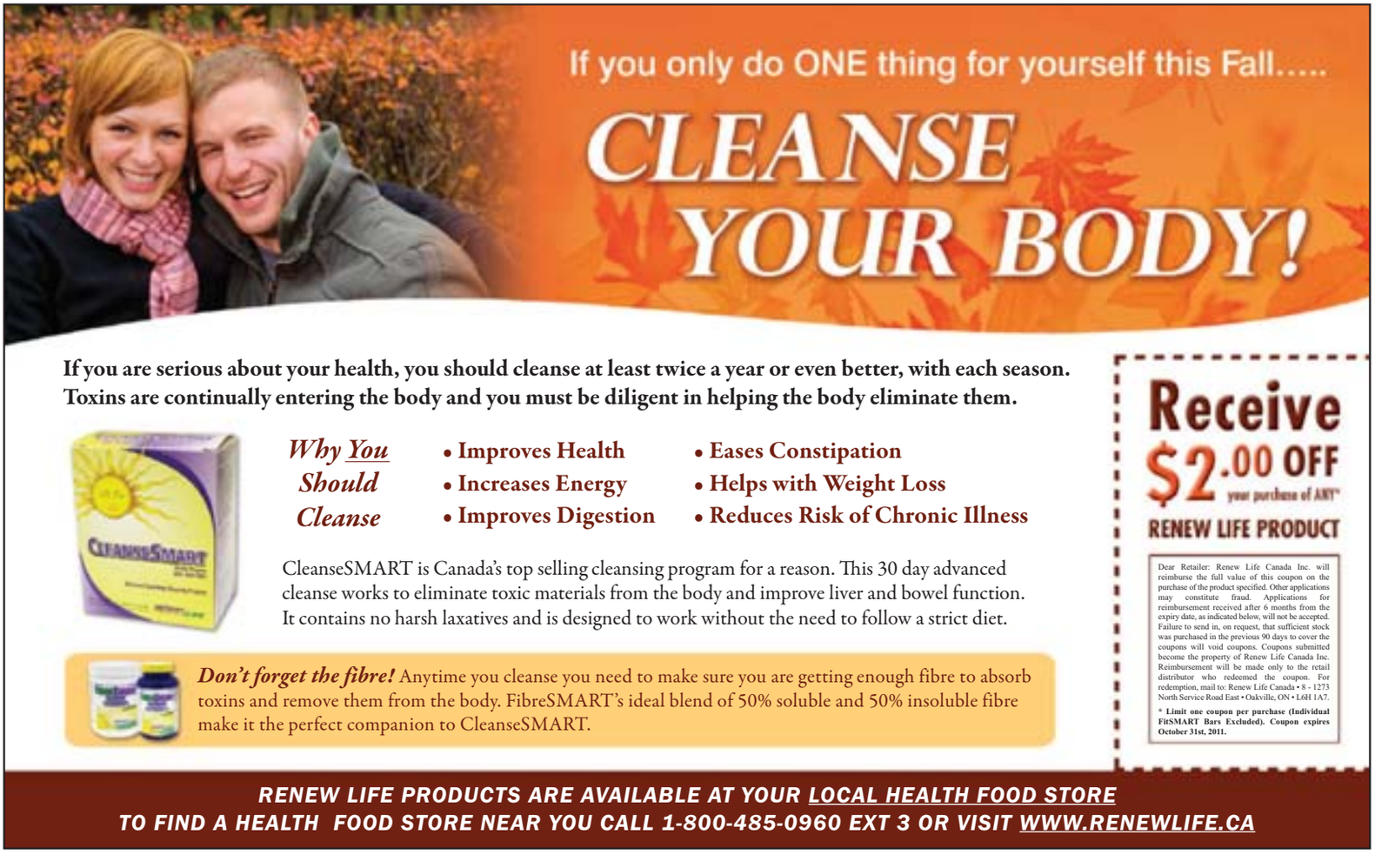
ARIANA KAKNEVICIUS/FOR METRO

▶ Vancouver Const. Steve Addison walks an alley in the Downtown Eastside yesterday.

Quotes

Excerpts from Const. Steve Addison's blog:

- "People assume these things must weigh heavy on me, that I'm emotionally traumatized or a ticking time bomb. I almost feel guilty when I tell them I'm not."
- "As we continued to chat, he told me that despite all he has lost and all he still has to lose, he is drawn to the skid row lifestyle. To him, the idea of being a junkie remains strangely appealing."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Embattled BP takes rap for oil-spill catastrophe

No-holds-barred U.S. report says oil giant violated federal regulations

A landmark U.S. federal report has lambasted oil giant British Petroleum for the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

It puts ultimate responsibility on BP for the deaths of 11 oil-rig workers.

And it says in the days leading up to the April 20, 2010, disaster, BP made decisions that complicated cementing operations, added risk, and may have contributed to the ultimate failure of the cement job.

The report, released yesterday, says BP — and in some cases its contractors — violated seven federal regulations.

They included the failure to take necessary precautions to keep the well under control at all times, to perform a cement job that kept the oil and gas down hole, and to maintain the blowout preventer — which is supposed to lock in place to prevent a spill in case of an explosion — in accordance with industry-accepted practice.

Historic disaster

JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

- The oil spill off Louisiana spewed 757 million litres of crude from an undersea well owned by BP.
- The disaster caused billions of dollars in damage to hundreds of kilometres of coastline and wreaked havoc on the Gulf economy.

While the report recognizes other companies had roles in the disaster, the panel says BP was the final decision maker.

"BP, as the designated operator … was ultimately responsible for conducting operations … in a way that ensured the safety and protection of personnel, equipment, natural resources, and the environment," the panel says.

The report will be used to shape reforms to offshore drilling safety.

It also will be used by lawyers for victims involved in the multibillion-dollar court battle over the spill, and by government agencies considering civil and criminal charges against BP and other firms.

Since the disaster, the Obama administration has reorganized the offshore drilling agency and boosted safety regulations.

But Congress has yet to pass a single piece of legislation to address safety gaps highlighted by the disaster.

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▶ A year after the giant oil spill, a Louisiana official digs up oiled soil in a coastal marsh. BP claims most of the oil that coated beaches and marshes has been removed. But Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries says the cleaning has been superficial and the oil has killed marshes and damaged the ecosystem.

Engineer takes it on the chin

In the report's 57 findings about the disaster, only one person — BP engineer Mark Hafle — is mentioned by name.

It says Hafle's failure to investigate or resolve anomalies detected during a critical test possibly contributed to the crew's failure to detect the initial influx of gas and oil.

Hafle also chose not to run a cement log, a test that evaluates the quality of the cement job, in violation of BP procedures, the report finds.

Hafle — a key decision maker on the doomed rig — refused to testify before the federal panel in August 2010, citing his constitutional right against self-incrimination.

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Memorial dropped

Afghan memorial on hold while soldiers are still on the ground

The Defence Department has shelved an elaborate proposal to revamp the National War Memorial to honour Canadians who fought in Afghanistan.

The plan involved etching the dates "2001-2011" into the granite sides of the Parliament Hill monument that was first erected to honour the sacrifices of troops during the First World War.

The $2.1-million plan, was circulated at National Defence headquarters last October, say senior military sources.

The proposal also recommended a commemoration ceremony, that would have involved the families of 157 soldiers who died.

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Leadership. Spirit

▶ MP Olivia Chow holds up a pair of eagle feathers her late husband Jack Layton used to have on his desk, before handing them to NDP interim Leader Nycole Turmel yesterday at a pre-session caucus in Quebec City. Layton used the feathers to guide him with decision-making.

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Layton legacy lives on

Jack Layton's widow, Olivia Chow, opened a caucus retreat yesterday with an emotional plea to her fellow MPs to work hard and stay united as they pick up the torch from their fallen leader.

X-ray finds diamond

Spanish authorities say a $16,500 US diamond was found in a thief's stomach after he was taken to a hospital for an X-ray.

A British tourist reported that a purse with the diamond in it was stolen by two men who entered a restaurant in Marbella.

Police said in a statement yesterday that officers later stopped a car with four men with criminal records, and found the purse inside the car.

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Peaceful rallies slated for West Bank

Palestinian activists announced yesterday that they are planning two major demonstrations next week in connection with the UN bid: The first will be on Wednesday, and the second will come two days later on Sept. 23, when Abbas is scheduled to address the General Assembly.

The Palestinians say they are determined to keep the rallies peaceful.

"We want to tell world leaders that the Palestinian people seek freedom and independence and need your support," said Amin Maqboul, a senior official of the Abbas' Fatah Party.

Maqboul said the rallies will take place inside West Bank towns and cities, and avoid Israeli military checkpoints and any other flashpoints like entrances to Israeli settlements. Police will ring the demonstrations to prevent any clashes with the Israelis, Maqboul said.

Israeli security officials are concerned that isolated incidents could touch off more widespread unrest. Soldiers and police have been training for months in preparation for possible violence.

Israeli leaders have also hinted of retaliation, including financial sanctions or the possible annexation of parts or all of the West Bank.

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▶ A four-storey-high Palestinian flag flies in front of the European Council building in Brussels on Monday.

Don't do it, U.S. says

Palestinians hope United Nations bid will boost their statehood drive

A high-level U.S. team kicked off a new round of shuttle diplomacy yesterday in a last-ditch effort to contain the diplomatic fallout from the Palestinian statehood push, but the odds of a breakthrough appeared slim as the Palestinians pledged to go ahead with mass rallies to draw world attention to their bid.

U.S. diplomats Dennis Ross and David Hale arrived late yesterday for talks with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders. They were to travel to the West Bank today to talk with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Washington is trying to persuade the Palestinians to drop their plan to ask the United Nations to recognize an independent Palestinian state, but so far without success.

The Palestinians are turning to the UN after peace talks with Israel broke down, hoping a UN bid would boost their statehood drive. Both Israel and the U.S. oppose the campaign, saying there is no substitute for negotiations.

An Israeli official said there was "a very intensive effort" underway in hopes of finding a formula that would allow negotiations to resume.

"We hope we succeed. It's not a foregone conclusion," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was discussing a sensitive diplomatic matter.

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Independence

- With the odds of a breakthrough appearing slim, the Palestinians plan to submit a resolution to the UN during the annual General Assembly that begins in New York on Tuesday.
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Ottawa seeking adjustments to Buy American bill

U.S. jobs stimulus package includes exemptions to protectionist measures

Ottawa is vowing to fight the latest attempt in the United States to place a Buy American restriction on a new multibillion-dollar government job-creation package.

Trade Minister Ed Fast issued a statement yesterday complaining about the new U.S. measures, which would discriminate against Canadian suppliers bidding on public construction projects in the United States.

"Our government is committed to delivering free-trade leadership and Canadians can count on our government to defend free and open trade on the world stage," Fast said in the release.

The U.S. Congress passed an earlier stimulus bill in 2009, which also sought to direct work to American companies at the expense of foreign suppliers, but Ottawa eventually obtained a Canadian exemption.

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Losing out

- The Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters group said companies north of the border have lost out on billions of dollars in work on infrastructure projects in the U.S.
- Suppliers of everything from steel and sewers to metals, pipe and construction materials were affected.

App. Controversy

▶ The iPhone app A Jew or Not a Jew is displayed yesterday in Paris.

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Apple gets bad rap over app

A French anti-racism organization has threatened to sue Apple France over an iPhone application that identifies public figures who are Jewish. The app violates France's strict rules against listing personal details such as religious affiliation, race or sexuality.

Canadians OK with debt levels, survey says

Canadians are confident that they have a good handle on their personal debt and believe they're in better financial shape than most, a new survey suggested yesterday.

The poll, conducted by Ipsos Reid and released by the Royal Bank of Canada, suggested nearly 70 per cent of Canadians have achieved non-mortgage debt levels that they are comfortable managing.

More than a fifth of survey respondents, or 22 per cent, reported being entirely clear of non-mortgage debt, while a further 45 per cent were not concerned about their current debt levels, the poll said.

Three-quarters of those surveyed said they believed they were in better financial shape than their friends and neighbours.

Young Canadians were particularly anxious about getting out of debt, the survey found, saying 39 per cent of those between 18 and 34 reported feeling anxious about the money they owe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

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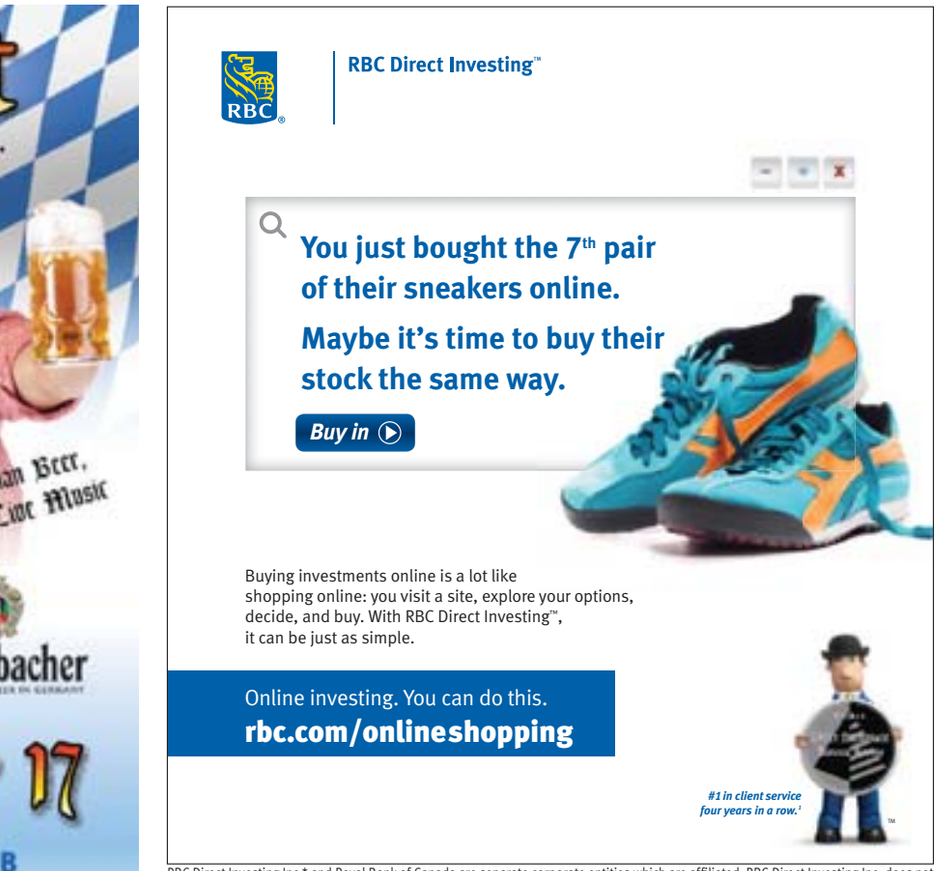
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News in brief

European leaders discuss Greek crisis

Greece is an "integral" part of the eurozone, the leaders of Greece, France and Germany said in an emergency teleconference yesterday night that aimed to calm markets and temper talk of an imminent default by Greece.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy also stressed to Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou "that it is more indispensable than ever to fully implement the decisions adopted July 21" by the eurozone leaders "to ensure the stability of the eurozone," the French president's office said in a statement.

Fears that Greece was heading rapidly towards a chaotic default have roiled markets for days, both across the 17-nation eurozone and globally.

The main fear of a Greek bankruptcy is that it could destabilize other financially troubled European countries such as Portugal, Ireland, Spain or Italy.

It would also have a knock-on effect on banks, many of which are large holders of Greek government bonds. Moody's on Wednesday downgraded the credit ratings of two French banks, Societe Generale and Credit Agricole.

Merkel and Sarkozy pressed the Greek leader on the "importance they attach to the strict and effective implementation of the Greek economic redressment program," statements issued in Paris and Berlin said.

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U.S. retail sales flat in August

Report contrasts upbeat data from major retailers and auto dealers

U.S. consumers grew more cautious last month amid wild stock-market swings, zero job growth and heightened concerns that the economy has weakened.

Retail sales were flat in August. At the same time, wholesale inflation levelled off. The latest data could give the Federal Reserve more impetus to adopt additional stimulus next week.

"The combination of those two reports sets the stage for, and warrants, additional action by the Fed," said Michelle Meyer, an economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Wall Street looked past the weak retail sales data. Growing optimism that European leaders would be able to contain their debt crisis drove stocks higher. The Dow Jones industrial average rose more 200 points in late-afternoon trading.

In August, consumers spent less on autos, clothing and furniture, the Commerce Department said yesterday.

Hurricane Irene disrupted sales along most of the East Coast, analysts said. But many consumers were spooked after a grim month that renewed recession fears.

The government reported that the economy barely grew in the first half of the year. Lawmakers fought over raising the debt ceiling.

Standard & Poor's downgraded long-term U.S. debt for the first time in history.

Stocks tumbled — the Dow lost nearly 16 per cent of its value from July 21 through Aug. 10.

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▶ An employee looks over a cellphone contract for a customer at a Best Buy in California on Sept. 12.

As a result, consumer confidence fell in August to its lowest level since April 2009, when the economy was still in recession. And employers added no net jobs during the month.

The economy's weakness is helping to keep prices in check.

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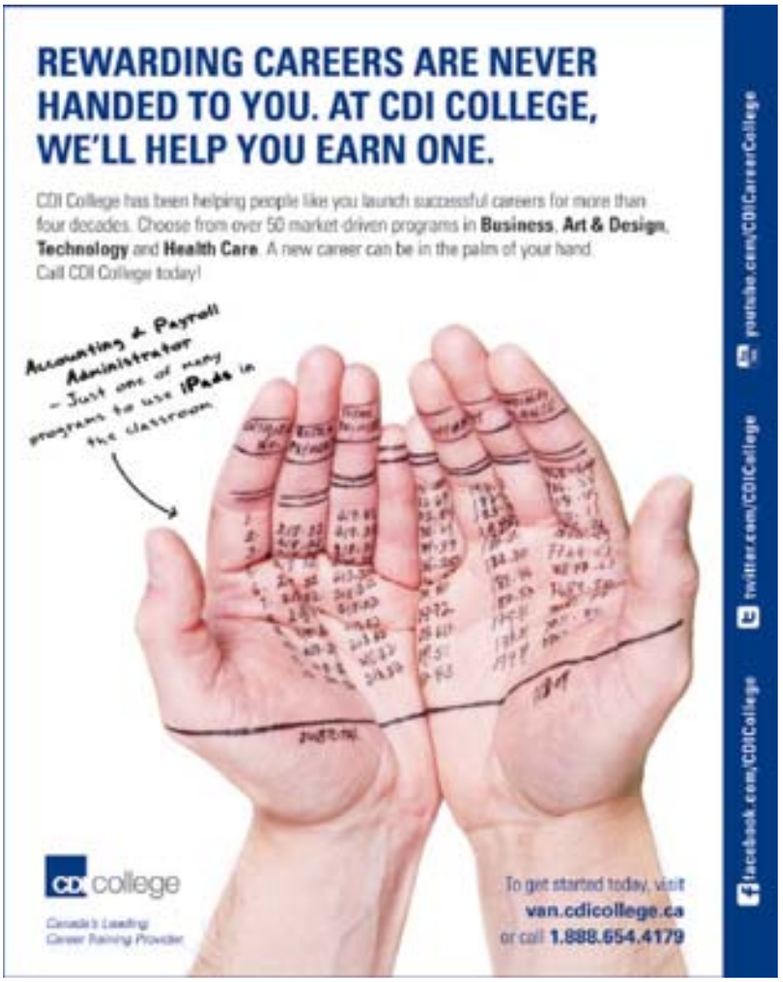
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Bombardier shares fall on Delta comments

Order for CSeries plane may have increased investor confidence

Bombardier continues to hope it will win orders from Delta Air Lines despite the U.S. carrier's announcement it will not buy mid-sized planes such as the CSeries in the "near to medium term."

Delta extinguished expectations by telling an industry conference that it won't place a second aircraft order for 100 mid-size planes following its decision last month to buy 100 Boeing 737-900ERs for $8.5 billion US.

"Delta is one of Bombardier's longest and most loyal customers, so we have every confidence that relationship will continue to flourish with new aircraft orders," Bombardier spokesman John Arnone said in an email.

The Montreal-based manufacturer wouldn't indicate which planes it now hopes to sell to Delta.

Chris Murray of PI Financial Corp. said Delta affiliates could still order CRJ regional jets while the mainline carrier defers its decision about the CSeries for a couple of years.

"(I'm) still looking for continued small orders from a variety of customers on the ramp up to production, not a 'major' order that would overshadow the order book at this point," Murray said in an email.

Industry observers had expected Delta would order the new 110- to 149-seat CSeries plane after the airline previously said it was looking to buy up to 200 aircraft to replace its aging fleet.

But Delta president Ed Bastian threw cold water on those hopes Tuesday at the Deutsche Bank Aviation and Transportation conference.

"We are done talking about aircraft for the near to medium term," he said.

Despite "industry chatter" about another round of aircraft orders, he said "there's no second step of aircraft whether it be with Bombardier or Embraer or Boeing or Airbus."

The carrier wants to cap its annual capital expenditures at $1.2 billion to $1.4 billion, Bastian added. THE CANADIAN PRESS

India. Inflation

▶ An Indian labourer carries a bag of rice at a wholesale market in Gauhati, India, yesterday.

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India's inflation rate on the rise

India's inflation rose at its fastest pace in 13 months in August. The Reserve Bank of India is expected to raise interest rates again on Friday.

Biz in brief

MARKETS. North American markets closed higher yesterday after key European leaders held an emergency meeting to discuss how to contain the continent's debt crisis.

GOLD. Gold futures fell $3.60 to $1,826.50 US. The gold index was the biggest decliner on the TSX, with shares in Barrick Gold Corp. down 59 cents at $52.16.

COPPER. Copper shed seven cents to $3.90 US a pound.

MINING. The mining sector on the TSX was up 0.2 per cent with shares in Teck Resources Ltd. up 43 cents at $39.16.

AIR CANADA. Air Canada could face its second work stoppage this year after flight attendants overwhelmingly endorsed a strike that could begin as early as next week. Shares lost three cents to $1.57. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Loonie closes down against greenback

The Canadian dollar fell more than half a cent against its U.S. counterpart yesterday after weak data on American retail sales added to fears of another recession.

The loonie closed down 0.55 of a cent at 100.93 cents US.

American consumers spent less last month on autos, clothing and furniture, leaving retail sales unchanged in August, the U.S. Commerce Department said.

It also said July was weaker than first thought.

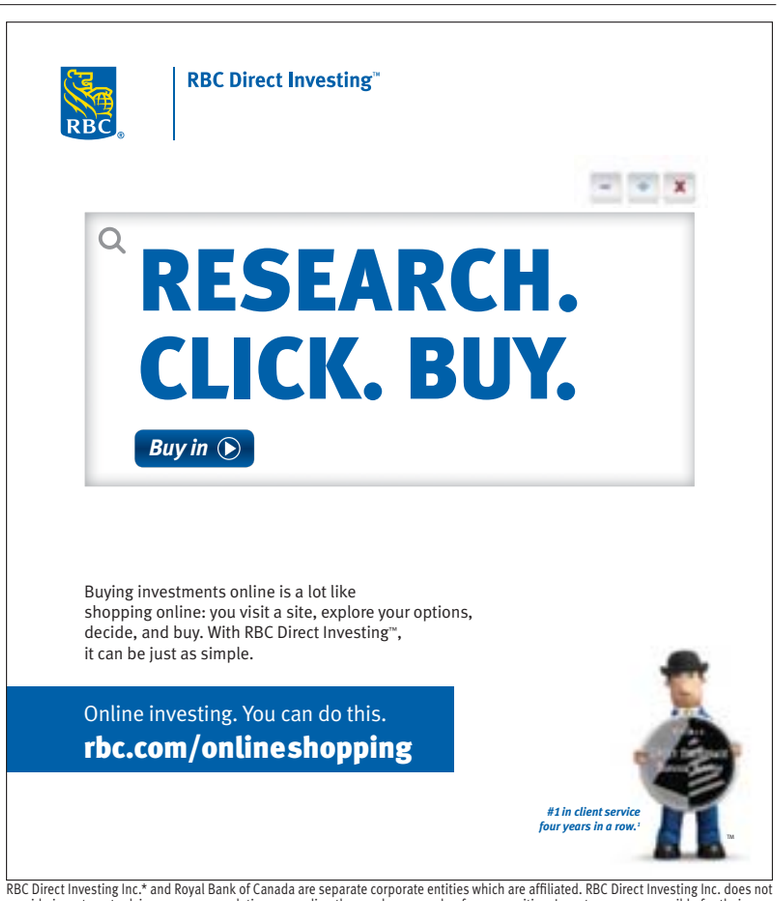
The flat reading in August was a surprise given reports from retailers during the month that back-to-school shopping and auto sales appeared to have been strong compared with a year ago.

Other data from the U.S. showed companies paid the same amount for wholesale goods last month as a drop in energy prices offset higher food costs.

Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, core wholesale prices edged up 0.1 per cent, the smallest increase in three months. The figures indicate that inflation pressures are easing.

Investors also took in a report on Canadian capacity utilization, a measure of productivity, which fell slightly to 78.4 per cent in the second quarter from 79 per cent in the prior quarter.

Weaker commodity prices also put pressure on the loonie. THE CANADIAN PRESS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BACHELORHOOD, WITH CHERRY JUICE ON TOP

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

I'm relinquishing my bachelorhood status — time to hand in my Green (Mould) Card and move on to the next stage of life, whatever that is. Struggling artiste, perhaps. Or political ideologue.

Don't get me wrong. I like the bachelor life — the hours are good and the benefits (e.g., reading entire Calvin and Hobbes collections on the toilet) help offset the crushing loneliness. The problem is that I don't know how much longer I can deal with the diet.

Since my divorce, the food I've consumed in my apartment (daily takeout not included) has consisted of the following: Pre-sliced bread, pre-made meat pies, instant oatmeal, pre-made waffles, beans, cereal, tuna, sardines, and one failed attempt at mac and cheese, which was more like elbow macaroni in orange water.

"If I enter, the bacteria procreating on the dirty dishes all stop multiplying for a moment and look up to size up the stranger. When they determine that I am male with a takeout danish in my hand, they rate the hot-water-and-soap threat as 'low' and go back to munching down on my beans from June 6."

I fall into ruts often. I'll decide that one food is going down pretty well — why mess with what's working? — and suddenly it's Tuna Can Tuesday, or Mini-Wheats Wednesday. And don't even get me started on what I've been drinking. (Bachelorhood tip: A glass of maraschino cherry juice is a refreshing nightcap.)

Why don't I just cook something? It's a valid question, and I have a valid answer: I can't. I step into the kitchen so rarely that I consider it uncharted territory. If I enter, the bacteria procreating on the dirty dishes all stop multiplying for a moment and look up to size up the stranger. When they determine that I am male with a takeout danish in my hand, they rate the hot-water-and-soap threat as "low" and go back to munching down on my beans from June 6.

And people ask me how I keep thin. I might have starved to death years ago if I hadn't learned the important method of dropping in on friends at about 5:30 p.m. "Hi guys! I was just in the neighbourhood and — hey, something smells good. You know, I haven't had a good home-cooked meal since, well, since the last time I was here. What? Me? Eat here? Tonight? Oh, I couldn't possibly. But I will. Look: I brought my own plate!"

Unfortunately, this is only a stopgap solution, and my friends don't seem to be home at 5:30 anymore. I need a long-term fix, which is why I'm prepared to move beyond bachelorhood and into the next stage of life, where there's warm food and clean cutlery and, sometimes, I think, napkins.

To celebrate, I'd ask you all to raise a glass with me. Maraschino cherries are in the baking aisle.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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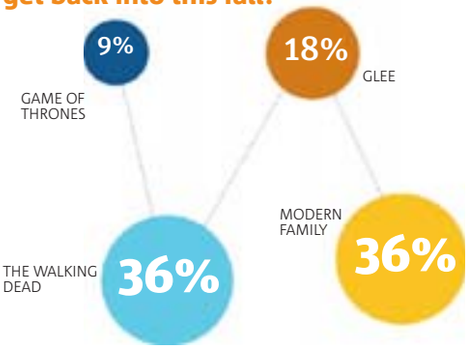
What TV series are you most excited to get back into this fall?



Local tweets

- **@rbjacko7:** Happy 40th Anniversary to Greenpeace!!...started in Vancouver, don't cha know. =D
- **@Kayl_T:** Looking outside the window of my office. Such a gloomy day in Vancouver. Wrapped myself up in my @VanCanucks blanket. #ImSoCold
- **@TheStanchion:** Thanks for all the TV help people. Vancouver fans have proven once again, we know our TV's (All that rioting, we pick things up well)
- **@stuff99:** @azizansari Come back to Vancouver already!
- **@Squidhayes:** #Vancouver #SRH Trying to read outside. Squirrels bouncing overhead & noisy. Its official Winters over!
- **@gettinmyhateon:** got autographs from chase crawford this morning #tiff2011 he said he wanted to make it to vancouver soon
- **@hummingbird604:** Guilty as charged: I buy Nabob Coffee at Costco and I didn't even know it was made in Vancouver http://ow.ly/6tLea

Letters

The most recent "Win a Wife" contest on a Canadian radio station should sound alarms. Volga Girl, the mail-order site sponsoring the contest, describes itself as "providing a wide range of services to those men who are interested in finding a compatible Russian wife."

Unfortunately, many vulnerable women from developing countries make themselves available as Internet brides because of poverty and dire economic circumstances. In reality, many don't have a choice and may end up trafficked into a world of sexual exploitation, or married to men who abuse them. Sadly, it is one of many radio contests that are a societal barometer on the commodification of women and girls. "The Breast Christmas Ever" offered women a chance at free breast augmentations. Another station had plans for a "thinnest body" contest. Can we believe these promotions help women and girls nurture their self-esteem? What kind of message does this send to young girls?

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WEIRD NEWS

Gumby turns himself in

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▶ Gumby tells a store clerk he is being robbed.

San Diego police say the man accused of trying to rob a convenience store last week dressed as a famous claymation character turned himself in Tuesday, with an alleged accomplice.

Det. Gary Hassen tells the San Diego Union-Tribune that Jacob Kiss and Jason Giramma voluntarily went to police headquarters. He says Kiss brought the Gumby suit and turned it in as well.

Police say a man dressed in a Gumby costume and an accomplice went into a 7-Eleven in Rancho Penasquitos on Labour Day and told the clerk it was a robbery.

The clerk thought it was a prank and dismissed him. Both then left the store.

Surveillance video shows the clumsy would-be robber struggling to keep the green suit on as he walked out the door. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Olio Festival will grow on you

Upcoming festival offers more than 30 events, featuring music, art, comedy, skate and film

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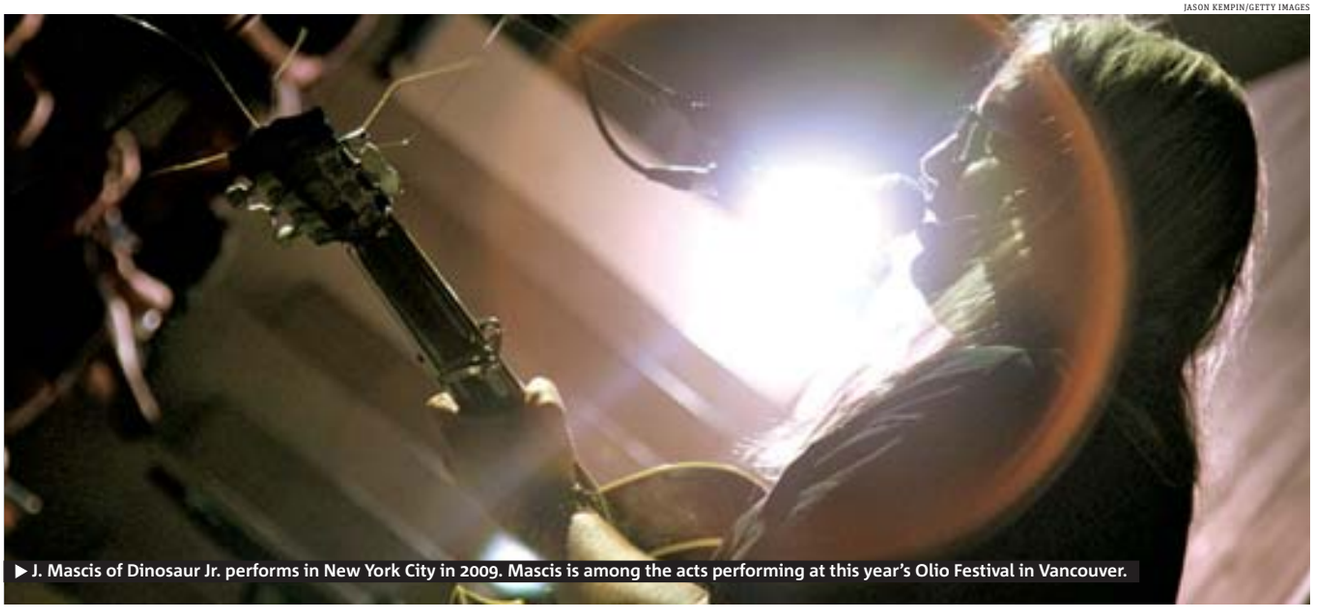

▶ J. Mascis of Dinosaur Jr. performs in New York City in 2009. Mascis is among the acts performing at this year's Olio Festival in Vancouver.

BACKSTAGE PASS

GRAEME MCRANOR
METRO VANCOUVER

Try saying "olio" three times quickly. Kind of fun, right?

You know what else is fun? Attending the Olio Festival.

See what I did there?

Now entering its third year, the name of the festival — "olio" means a miscellaneous mixture or hodgepodge — is fitting. (Besides, would you go to the Hodgepodge Festival? Probably not.)

Here is a collection of artists that you'll surely not find assembled anywhere else in this city. Kicking off Sept. 22 and running until Sept. 25, the festival offers more than 30 events, featuring music, art, comedy, skate and film.

And, while organizers say they've doubled the out-of-town headliners this year, there's plenty of great local talent, too.

Musical acts this year include J. Mascis of Dinosaur Jr., Glass Candy, Babe Rainbow, Chromatics, Cave Singers, Ladyhawk, Teen Daze, Bonjay, The Pack AD, Chateau Marmont, Com Truise, and many, many more.

I Kill People

▶ YouTube sensation, stand-up comic, actor and writer of such cult classics as Show Me Your Genitals and Everyday Normal Guy performs in Vancouver when his I Kill People Tour touches down here on Nov. 29. Tickets, $29.50, go on sale at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Ticketmaster.

The festival also roasts Mayor Gregor Robertson — has an in-office mayor ever been roasted? In a comedic sense? Not sure, but the research team at Olio claims it's a first. And yes, Robertson will be in attendance. Check it out at 560 Club (560 Seymour St.), Sept. 22, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets are $15 at the door.

An expanded art program features Patrick O'Dell's show at Antisocial Skateboard Shop, an OBEY Clothing Group show featuring works by Shepard Fairey, a roster of other artists, and the locally produced Here Is Now and Night Vision events.

And there's film! Cult director Tommy Wiseau stops by to host a director's master class and Q & A (his film The Room will also be screened).

There will also be 48-hour film and music video contests.

Did I mention comedy? Rain City Chronicles, Bronx Cheer and The Party perform.

So, there you go.

What else do you need? How about some passes? Go to 2011.oliofestival.com for more information.

Honestly, Olio will grow on you.

Then again, it's growing on all of us.

Olio, Olio, Olio…

STILL A REASONABLY YOUNG LAD

Former Strapping Young Lad Devin Townsend plays the Commodore Ballroom in Vancouver on Oct. 29. Tickets, $20, go on sale at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Ticketmaster.

2 scene

Scene in brief

Charlie Sheen recently told NBC's Matt Lauer that he didn't really know what happened this spring when he was fired from Two and a Half Men and began a manic round of media appearances talking about his "tiger blood" and "winning."
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Keira Knightley hates the fact that the release of A Dangerous Method will probably lead to a flurry of Google searches for "Keira Knightley nude" and "Keira Knightley spanked."

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Girl talk with Olivia Munn

The comedic actress and star of I Don't Know How She Does It talks about love, marriage and having it all

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As Olivia Munn munches on cold fries in the Waldorf Astoria, doling out unsolicited dating advice and discussing work-life balance, it seems more like she's at a neighbourhood ladies book club meeting than at a junket to promote her latest project, I Don't Know How She Does It. But then, that's the nature of the material she's discussing.

In the film, Munn plays uptight, career-centric Momo Hahn, who is perplexed by co-worker Kate Reddy's (Sarah Jessica Parker) ability to raise two young children and still maintain top performance as a financial advisor.

Having it all is most definitely the crux of the movie, which happens to be something that's also weighing on Munn's mind.

"It's a movie about something that I'm going through in my life or that I'm about to journey on probably soon — I mean, not soon." Munn stammers with a laugh. "But I know I'm in a place where I'm starting to decide, you know, can I have it all?"

At 31 years old, as a frequent contributor to The Daily Show with Jon Stewart and star of the upcoming Aaron Sorkin project for HBO, the network news drama More As This Story Develops, Munn might be right to consider all this big picture stuff before the tidal wave of fame really comes crashing down. But even then, her impending notoriety isn't going to get to her head.

"My life isn't just work," she says. "On my deathbed when I have like five minutes to live, I'm not going to be like 'Oh, can you bring me my IMDB page please? And my reel! Don't forget the reel!'"

Advice

Need help? Get some dating advice from Olivia Munn.

Prioritize "We think we want these things, but we don't take time to think, what is it that I really want? What kind of person do I want to be? What kind of life do I want to lead?"

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▶ Actors Olivia Munn, left and Greg Kinnear attend the Cinema Society premiere of I Don't Know How She Does It in New York.

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Lady of the night

Lady Antebellum's much-anticipated new album Own the Night full of love songs, perspective Talk about learning to handle music pressures

The members of Lady Antebellum get asked a difficult question all the time: When are you going to write another hit like Need You Now?

That's a little like asking if they can pick a set of winning lottery numbers — twice. The probability of achieving one worldwide hit is astronomical. But two?

"How could we ever do that?" singer Charles Kelley said. "That was a once-in-a-lifetime song. But I think we'll continue to have success if we stay true to ourselves and our fans, our core audience, which is the country music audience. We're very flattered that more people are into us, but (pop music is) a genre and a world where it's much more, 'in one day and out the next.' As long as our country fans still dig what we're doing, we'll hopefully be here for a long time."

That kind of even-handed approach has guided Lady Antebellum through one of the most difficult periods any band must navigate — instant stardom. Need You Now catapulted the trio from a well-regarded young country act with plenty of promise to multiplatinum international pop stars.

"Whether we have that smash, the record is a collection of better, stronger songs, for me. Only time will tell if the fans feel that way."
CHARLES KELLEY

As they release their third album, Own the Night, this week, Kelley, Hillary Scott and Dave Haywood are philosophical about their expectations. No one hides the fact they hope for a follow-up hit and would be disappointed if Night doesn't catch fire with fans. But standing firmly on a foundation they built long before the spotlight found them, they believe they did their part.

"Whether we have that smash, the record is a collection of better, stronger songs, for me," Kelley said. "Only time will tell if the fans feel that way."

They've already spoken on Lady A's first single from "Night," making "Just A Kiss" their fifth No. 1 on Billboard's country charts.

"Night" is a collection of 12 love songs that reflects the remarkable — and hard-earned — grace that surrounded the band as it ascended the charts around the world.
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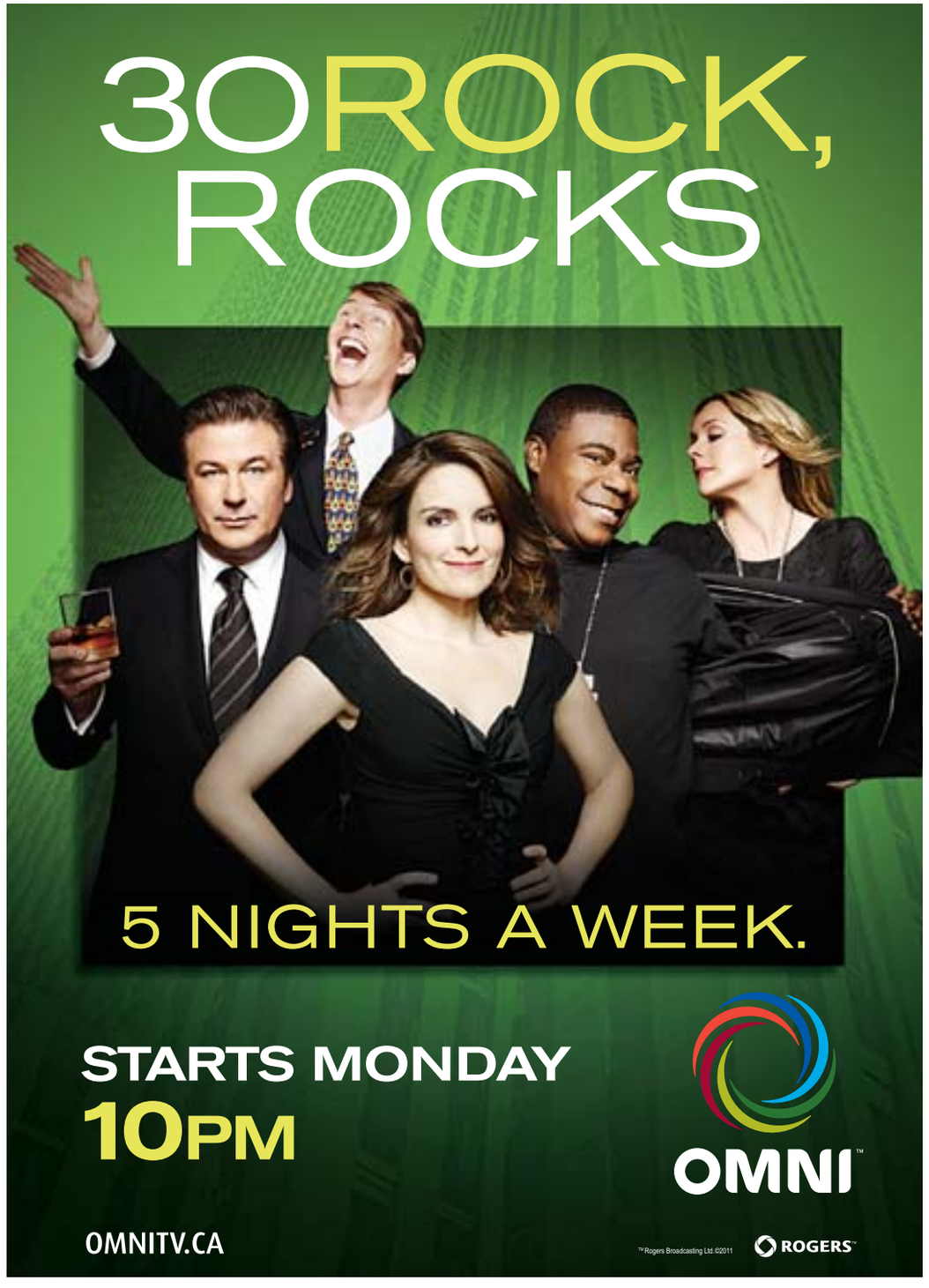
▶ Lady Antebellum has released their latest album Own the Night.

Instant fame

It took them all over the world and had their heads swimming.

All over the world They toured places like Australia and New Zealand, with fans shouting their lyrics back at them from the last row, and have needed translators for some of their interviews. They earned a room full of trophies, including that most surreal night when they won five Grammys, including record and song of the year for Need You Now. They became the go-to act for national anthems and guest appearances, climbed the country music ladder from opening act to headliner and pushed into the pop music world like few country acts before.



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▶ Two and a Half Men return Sept. 19 and will try to put the Charlie Sheen era behind them.

BACK TO WINNING WAYS?

TWO AND A HALF MEN STARTING OVER

The stars of CBS' Two and a Half Men are scrutinizing a publicity photo to depicting them as a tuxedo-clad trio sharing a vintage microphone.

Ashton Kutcher is in the centre of the shot, flanked by Jon Cryer and Angus T. Jones on the other. Charlie Sheen, of course, is out of the picture.

"It's nice," offered Cryer, adding a query to Jones: "But that's not your hand, is it? I believe they had too big a black spot there and they photoshopped in a hand."

"That's not my head, is it?" said Kutcher.

Oh, those kidders. But the silliness carries a message: The three actors are a comfortable fit with each other and for the revamped Two and a Half Men, which returns Sept. 19 for its ninth season, minus the fired Sheen.

Executive producer Chuck Lorre and the Warner Bros. studio clashed bitterly with their erratic, hard-partying star before dumping him last March and cutting the season short .

"I think the great thing the writers have done is they haven't lost the sensibility of the show."
ASHTON KUTCHER

The task now is to salvage what has reigned as TV's top-rated comedy.

Kutcher, who carries the weight of replacing Sheen as newly introduced character Walden Schmidt, diligently ticks off reasons the sitcom can remain a hit.

"The series has momentum. It has fans that are built in," he said.

"I think the great thing the writers have done is they haven't lost the sensibility of the show. ... It's going to offend people just as much as every episode has offended people."

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Showing the Hill away from the Hill

Ottawa shows its hidden charms as the setting of Michael: Tuesdays & Thursdays in this new comedy Politics takes a backseat in the capital

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▶ Director Don McKellar, second from left, and actor Bob Martin, left work on the set the new CBC comedy Michael: Tuesdays and Thursdays in Ottawa

If ever a Canadian city was pigeonholed, stereotyped and even downright ignored in TV and film, it's Ottawa. Shows are either focused on the Parliament buildings for a political drama (H20), or worse, the series or movie purports to be set in the capital, but is actually shot elsewhere (Snakes and Ladders, InSecurity.)

But old Bytown will get to show its hidden charms this year as the setting of a new CBC comedy, Michael: Tuesdays & Thursdays, where the politics are in the bedroom and the psychiatrist's office rather than the Hill. The show premiered last night (ed note ie: tonight) and gives viewers peeks of the Parliament Buildings and the Rideau Canal as part of a city where people actually live, love and work.

The series is a product of two of Canada's stage and screen uber-creators, BFF's Bob Martin and Don McKellar. The two swept up five 2006 Tonys for their musical The Drowsy Chaperone, and have collaborated on Twitch City and Slings & Arrows among other successful projects.

Another familiar face in their orbit, TV writer and actor Matt Watts, is also a writer and plays the title character Michael.

"When I first came, I was really excited because I felt (Ottawa) hadn't really been captured on film that much, not at all really, not to the rest of the country and it has some really unique architecture that really serves the story," McKellar says.

Martin quips: "We assume that many neurotic people live in Ottawa. We have no statistical evidence to support that, but..."

Martin plays one of those neurotics, psychiatrist Dr. David Storper. For 15 years, he's been using cognitive behavioural therapy to help his client Michael (Watts) overcome a litany of phobias.

"I resent everyone I don't know for talking to me," Michael tells David of his fear of small talk.

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Support continues on

Vedder says assistance for West Memphis Three remains after release

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▶ Musician Eddie Vedder

Even though they've now been released, the three men who comprise the so-called West Memphis Three are still getting support from Eddie Vedder and the rest of the band Pearl Jam.

The three men were convicted in the slayings of three Cub scouts nearly two decades ago, but were recently released — after spending 18 years behind bars — after years of questions about the evidence in the case.

"Now we are helping them regain their footing, and it's fascinating to see them on the outside world. It's a real joy," Vedder told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

Damien Echols, Jessie Misskelley and Jason Baldwin were convicted in 1993 for the murders of three 8-year-old boys in Arkansas, but always proclaimed their innocence.

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Amanda Seyfried loves sex scenes

Amanda Seyfried isn't the type of actress to complain about onscreen intimacy.

"Sex scenes are great. A lot of my co-stars have been sexy guys my age, and so, why not? I'm not going to pretend it's not fun," she tells W magazine.

Her latest co-star to fit that bill — in the sci-fi thriller In Time — is Justin Timberlake.

"Justin was great," she says.

"He had come from Friends with Benefits, where he basically had sex every day at work, and so it was easy for both of us."

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▶ Amanda Seyfried

Wedding bells for Brit?

Britney Spears' boyfriend, Jason Trawick, has reportedly been spending a lot of time in jewelry stores lately, suggesting he may finally be ready to propose to the pop star, according to X17.

Trawick spent more than an hour at the Mouawad jewelry store, chatting with owner Pascal Mouawad.

"They discussed diamonds from the Mouawad private collection," a source says. "It's Jason's first visit with Pascal."

The source speculates that Spears' upcoming 30th birthday will be the big moment, though her rep says everyone needs to just calm down.

"There is no truth to that report with regards to engagement rings," a rep for Spears says in a statement. "Jason was there to discuss other matters with Pascal, but nothing relating to him personally."

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▶ Britney Spears

▶ Will Smith

Smith, Anthony buds at football game

Will Smith joined Marc Anthony at a Miami Dolphins game recently, sharing smiles and posing for photos, which suggests Smith isn't taking the rumours about Anthony having an affair with Jada Pinkett-Smith very seriously, according to Hollyscoop. Anthony, who is a part-owner of the Dolphins with soon-to-be ex-wife Jennifer Lopez, was celebrating his birthday at the game. "They seemed to be getting along very well," a source says of Anthony and Smith.

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Celebrity tweets

@AlbertBrooks

"Great time in Toronto. Great people. If you can make it here you can make it....well, in most parts of Canada."

@GarryShandling

"If somebody dies on twitter do we just stare at a blank screen for a minute in memory?"

@kristenschaaled

"I diagnosed my loneliness as premature empty nest syndrome.

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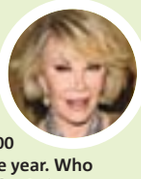

"A 42-year-old woman is being prosecuted for calling her ex 65,000 times in one year. Who knew Jennifer Aniston could dial that fast?"

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Check out some of the highs and lows from this season's shows as another New York Fashion Week comes to a 'clothes'

New York runway roundup

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MARC JACOBS

It's well known that Jacobs has had a lot on his plate lately. What with his rumoured negotiations with the house of Christian Dior and all. Maybe that explains the simpler than usual approach to his spring collection, which featured preppy sportswear classics in navy and Kelly green with lots of neon mixed in. It was all kind of club kid leaves the raves to go to college. The brights were the stars of the show.

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BETSEY JOHNSON

Betsey Johnson took her finale bow to Three Six Mafia's Azz and Tittiez. How badass is that? The only problem is, she seemed to take those lyrics too literally with the clothes, which were a little bit Malibu Barbie, a little bit Nicki Minaj and a little bit Kinky Boots. It was campy and fun but the clothes, such as a corseted, mini dress with a tiny teacup skirt started to veer into costume territory.

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DIANE VON FURSTENBERG

In the sea of prints that New York Fashion Week has become, Diane von Furstenberg's unsurprisingly stood out. They came in soft pastels with pops of yellow and orange (another recurring theme this week) and sometimes layered in a single look. The best moments were the unexpected, tomboyish ones such as a pair of checked shorts in lime and maroon paired with a neon green button down shirt.

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JASON WU

Sporty and street are not exactly words that come to mind when you think of Michelle Obama's go-to designer and yet he was able to own both ideas by interpreting them in his own polished Wu-ian way. The beauty is that he experimented with the sporty trend, which we're seeing just about everywhere this week, in a way that didn't read too literal (because not everyone wants to look like she just walked out of the gym).

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BCBG MAXAZRIA

Bold, saturated brights emerged as an early trend for spring 2012 and Max and Lubov Azria's collection was full of them in the form of sporty, colour-blocked dresses. Each one was long (below the knee to ankle length), easy to wear and fluid — all the better to graze the body in that trademark Azria way when the wind blows. Later in the show, the colour blocking gave way to bright ethnic prints and crafty knits.

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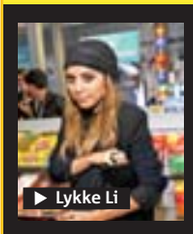

What's playing on the catwalks:

Alice + Olivia - Why Even Try, by Theophilus London
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Alexa Chung: An English rose, with some thorns

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Rebel yell — more, more, more

The most modern way to dress is out of the box Editors-turned-street-style-stars Giovanna Battaglia and Taylor Tomasi-Hill on their favourite fashion rules to break

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▶ Giovanna Battaglia

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"I often get calls and e-mails from friends, family members and even strangers asking if they can wear navy with black and I sort of giggle to myself. Of course [you can]!" says Marie Claire Style and Accessories Director Taylor Tomasi-Hill, who is a self-professed style chameleon. Most of you may not know her name, but the fashion lovers among you will surely recognize her face. Taylor's bold, singular way of dressing has made her a regular on the pages of fashion magazines and street style blogs the world over.

"I wouldn't say any of the traditional fashion etiquette 'rules' apply to my day-to-day dressing," she adds. Giovanna Battaglia, fashion editor of W magazine, who is an equally popular street style star, agrees. "Rule is a word that goes against instinct. Fashion is a world where the rules change every season," she explains.

The two women talk us through their approach to dressing.

1. BREAK YOUR EVENING WARDROBE OUT FOR DAY

"I think wearing white lace in the morning looks lovely and that gold dresses and embroidery looks better worn in the day than at night. A silver skirt and a gold foil blouse for example, looks amazing," Battaglia says.

2. COMBINE CONTRASTING PRINTS FREELY

"Some say mixing prints is a no-no, but for me and for fashionistas all over the globe this has been a huge trend as of late. As long as the prints work together and don't compete you are on your way to breaking one of the rules but in a good way," Tomasi-Hill says. Battaglia adds, "One of my favourite things to do is pair up a polka-dot top and a floral print skirt. As long as you wear something in a bold way, it works."

3. AND DO WEAR BLACK WITH NAVY

"Black and brown together — some would say eeeek, I say chic," Tomasi-Hill says before giving outfits that mix navy, black, brown and grey the thumbs up.

4. REPEAT WITH WILD ABANDON

"Sometimes I will wear the same skirt to work four days out of five, always in a different way. I become addicted to seeing how many ways I can wear it," Tomasi-Hill says. "I've often thought I should do this for fashion month as it would certainly cut down on the packing process."

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Find the fragrance that's right for you with these tips from perfume pro and Kit expert Danny Ventura.

"It's not simple. It's very difficult. Bottom line: fragrance is an abstract thing. You love it or you don't," says Ventura, international training manager of Beauté Prestige International.

▶ Danny Ventura of Beauté Prestige International.

How does a woman choose from the hundreds of fragrances on store counters?

"I break it down into steps:

1. I ask women to pick a time in their lives when they were the happiest. Was it a birthday? An unforgettable vacation?

Try to remember what you were smelling.

2. Let's work on the assumption that it was a holiday in the mountains — fir trees, rain and wet leaves.

Go to the store and ask a beauty consultant to find you three fragrances that smell like fresh air.

3. Try one on your left arm, one on your right arm and one on a tester card, then go and have lunch. Let the fragrance dry down.

4. Once you've decided which one you like, go back, get a sample and wear it for a couple of days. If you receive compliments, you're on the right track. If you like it yourself, go back and buy it."

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In this hectic modern world, Twitter has become a cool and succinct way of communicating. It allows me to be accessible, instantly speak my mind, and connects me with all kinds of people. Whether it's a fashion question, or you just want to comment on life's bigger picture, I'd love to hear from you. Welcome to my weekly space in Metro — a little window onto my multifaceted world.

@Jeanne_Beker:
Karen Elson rocks the magic for @marchesafashion

▶ Karen Elson

- **@Jeanne_Beker** Backstage at the Narciso Rodriguez show, talking about what makes clothes sexy. "It's the body within!" he says. What do YOU say???
- @CWICW it's ALL CONFIDENCE!
- @ELLE_A_Holic yeah I totally agree with you. Clothes have to be worn the way they were intended to as well, I find that really helps LOL!
- @DebbieDavidov my bday is coming and I want to know what the "accessory to have now" is...and is gold still in?
- **@Jeanne_Beker** Now that gold's become increasingly precious, YEAH! It's in. But I'm loving my Tiffany's Elsa Peretti SILVER flask pendant.

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Buying a big screen television

With fall premieres/hockey season starting, now's a great time to upgrade your home entertainment system

DIY IDEAS

Choosing a new TV for your home can be a time intensive job, what with looking up the latest models and specifications, comparing different sets, and of course, price-checking.

With more people watching HD sporting events and movies from the comfort of their couches, home entertainment systems are gaining in popularity.

Here are some expert tips to consider when purchasing a big screen TV for your home that will help make the buying process smoother, and viewing more enjoyable in the long-term.

Go big or go home

When purchasing a new TV you don't want to regret choosing a screen that's too small.

A TV that looks huge in the store may not live up to that first impression when you get it home.

Consider your needs in the future — if you love watching the Olympics, remember that 2012 isn't that far away, so go big now and enjoy for years to come.

TVs keep growing

Keep in mind that things have changed since you bought your old TV set, or even your last flat screen.

Yesterday's 27 inch tube model is today's 40 inch flat screen and it takes up less room, leaving you with more living space.

A 70 inch set offers twice the viewing area of a 46 inch TV, which makes a huge difference when you want that immersive viewing experience at home.

Do some math

With recent advancements in HDTV, you can buy big for a smaller room to enjoy a cinematic experience without feeling overwhelmed.

The improved picture quality of HDTV means you can sit closer to the TV than ever before while still enjoying a beautiful picture.

Today with HDTV, many experts recommend you divide the distance between your seat and TV by 1.5, with your screen size measured diagonally.

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▶ Welcome to the big screen leagues.

Consider colour

Most TVs only have three-colour RGB (Red, Green and Blue) technology, while some TV sets add yellow to the spectrum for the brightest picture with more colour.

Shop with a buddy

When in doubt, ask for help.

Visit the friend with a home theatre in their basement, research online and visit reputable stores for help from knowledgeable staff.

Now that you know what to consider when choosing your new big screen, the only thing left to do is choose what to watch first.

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Finding the right dining table

▶ Long tables are great for family gatherings — sometimes separating our loved ones is a smart way to create a peaceful dinner party.

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A dining table is more than just a surface that holds your dishes while you eat. And where you place your table will help determine the style and material you choose.

In kitchens, a durable and easy-to-clean surface is crucial, while in a large, formal dining room you'll require a table with an elegant look. If you dine in your living room area then you'll want a table that blends in with the living furniture.

Start with size

Keep in mind that the table must fit comfortably into the space with at least 30 to 36 inches on all sides of the table. For example, if you had a 10-x-10-foot square space for dining, the maximum sized table would be about 54 to 60 inches.

Keep in mind that the clearance space around a table isn't always from the walls — if a china cabinet or hutch is in the room then you require the clearance from that item. A 36- to 48-inch round table will seat four people comfortably; a 54- to 60-inch table will seat six to eight people.

If dealing with a long table then allow 24 inches for each person. Dining tables are always a standard height of 30 inches.

Some antique tables are a few inches lower and there has been a trend lately to buy dining tables that are bistro height (42-inches tall). The bistro height tables are better in more casual dining environments like kitchens, lofts and open-concept spaces with high ceilings.

Decide on shape

A good design form follows function so follow the shape of the space allotted to dining. Is it a long, slim area between kitchen and living area or a squared off space in an L-shaped living/dining room?

If you have a long room or space for dining choose a rectangular or long oval-shaped table. If you have a square space then usually a round table works best.

Square or round tables are great for creating intimate dining settings as everyone is equal distance from one another.

Choose a style

Whether you like modern or traditional decor, the recommended style of table is pedestal — the centre legs allow more flexible seating as you won't have to contend with corner legs at the table.

Glass topped tables offer an open, airier look to a dining space — perfect for small spaces.

Fine finished wood tables are the most popular as a long-term investment, but now there's a trend for casual, rough-hewn wood and metal looks for an industrial and vintage feeling. This works great in loft-like spaces.

With dining table finishes, consider how you'll use the table and the look you're trying to achieve.

You can choose from wood, veneer, acrylic and glass table tops — and remember to consider durability and colour.

Accent with chairs

Chairs do not have to match the style of table — the big trend is to choose chairs that are quite different.

For instance, a Queen Anne dining table gets surrounded by modern plastic chairs or a modern glass-topped table gets paired with art deco chairs.

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The book converts cuisines of China, Japan, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam into gluten-free favourites. Among the standout recipes are staples like: Crispy Spring Rolls, Kung Pao Chicken and more.

Big Asian-inspired flavours

Chicken with Black Bean Sauce proves simple to make

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▶ Have dinner on the table in about 20 minutes with this dish.

Black bean sauce gives a pungent dimension to your stir-fry sauces. Just a tiny amount can add big flavour to the meal.

Preparation:

1. Heat the oil in a wok or large frying pan. Add sliced chicken and stir fry over a high heat for 5 mins or until golden. Add crushed garlic, ginger and mushrooms and stir fry for 3-4 mins.
2. Cut green onions in half lengthways then each into 4-cm lengths; cut the bok choy in half lengthways. Add onions and bok choy to the pan along with the wine and black bean sauce. Stir fry for 2-3 mins or until the bok choy stems are tender. Serve immediately with rice or noodles.

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Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 chicken breast fillets,
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- 5 cm piece root ginger
- 350 g portobello mushrooms, halved
- 4 green onions, trimmed
- 200 g baby bok choy,
- 4 tbsp Chinese cooking wine
- 4 tbsp black bean sauce
- rice or noodles to serve

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Sports in brief

The multimillion-dollar lawsuit arising from Todd Bertuzzi's 2004 sucker-punch on Steve Moore is scheduled to go to court late next year.

Tim Danson, the Toronto lawyer representing Moore, says Ontario's Superior Court of Justice has scheduled to start hearing the case on Sept. 24, 2012, if Bertuzzi is still playing in the NHL.

If Bertuzzi has retired, Danson says the lawsuit, which seeks more than $40 million in damages against Bertuzzi and the Vancouver Canucks, will begin on Oct. 22, 2012.

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Breaking through in Boston

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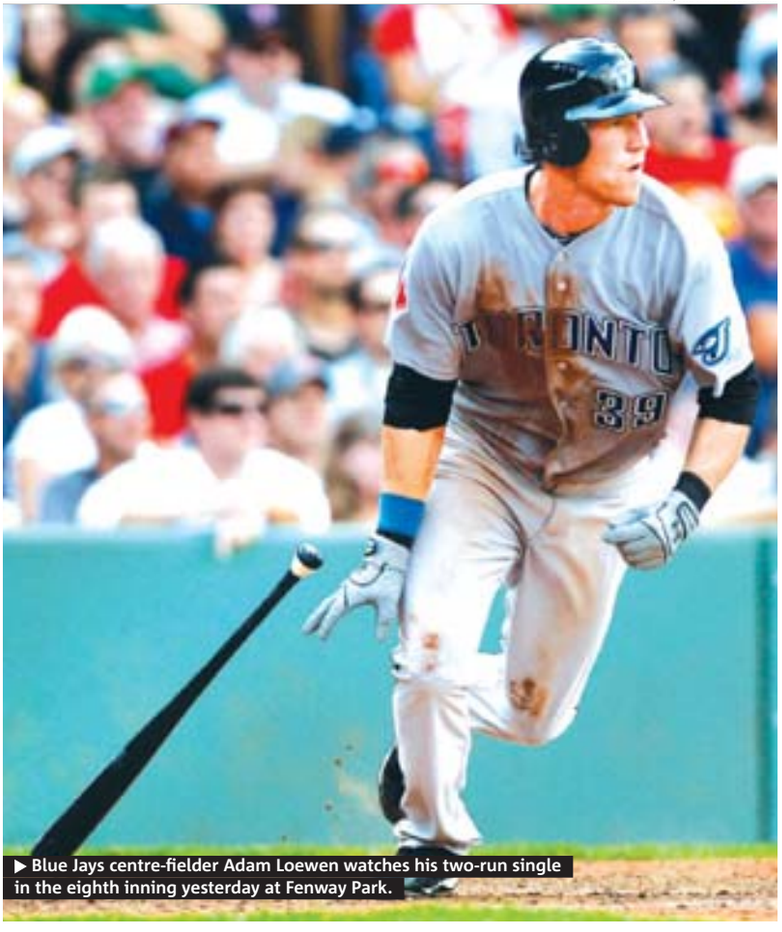

▶ Blue Jays centre-fielder Adam Loewen watches his two-run single in the eighth inning yesterday at Fenway Park.

B.C. batter helps Jays to third win in nine tries at Fenway this season

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BLUE JAYS	RED SOX

Canadian Adam Loewen did something as a hitter yesterday he never did as a pitcher — beat the Boston Red Sox.

"I'm very aware of that. They got me," he said after his two-run, eighth-inning single against Daniel Bard lifted the Blue Jays to a 5-4 victory.

The native of Surrey came to the majors as a pitcher and started four games against the Red Sox for Baltimore, going 0-1 with a 6.63 earned-run average in 2006 and '07.

"I think the best chance I had was against (Josh) Beckett in our place," Loewen said. "I came out of the game (ahead) 2-1 in the sixth and they ended up winning it in the top of the ninth."

Loewen last pitched in 2008, when he retired from the position after two stress fractures in his elbow. He then worked his way up through the Jays system as a fielder, this year hitting .306 with 17 homers and 85 RBIs for triple-A Las Vegas.

"It's been crazy," he said. "I didn't think I'd be playing this much but I come ready to play every day, whether I'm in the lineup or not."

Loewen is 5 for 14 as a major leaguer. His hit yesterday made a winner out of Ricky Romero (15-10).

"Amazing. It's crazy," said Romero, who went eight innings in the win. "Just to make that transition ... you never really see that and he's done a tremendous job for us."

At 3-10 in September, the Red Sox hold a four-game lead over Tampa Bay in the wild-card race after the Rays' loss in Baltimore last night. Boston led the AL East to start the month and were nine games up on Rays.

After getting swept in a three-game series at Tampa Bay last weekend, the Red Sox host the Rays in a four-game series starting tonight.

Boston led 4-2 in the eighth before Toronto came back against Bard (2-8), who entered and walked Edwin Encarnacion and Kelly Johnson.

Mark Teahen bunted, and Bard's throw to first pulled Lars Anderson off the bag for a throwing error that loaded the bases.

J.P. Arencibia's RBI ground out cut the lead to 4-3, with third baseman Kevin Youkilis bobbling the ball and throwing to first. Loewen followed with a single to centre to cap the rally. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aches and pains

The series in Boston took its toll on both the Blue Jays and Red Sox healthwise.

- Jays third baseman Brett Lawrie left yesterday's game with a bruised knee.
- Boston first baseman Adrian Gonzalez departed with left-calf tightness after his sixth-inning homer. He said it tightened up in his previous at-bat and bothered him on his home-run trot, but hopes to play tonight.
- Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz missed his second-straight game with muscle spasms in his back.

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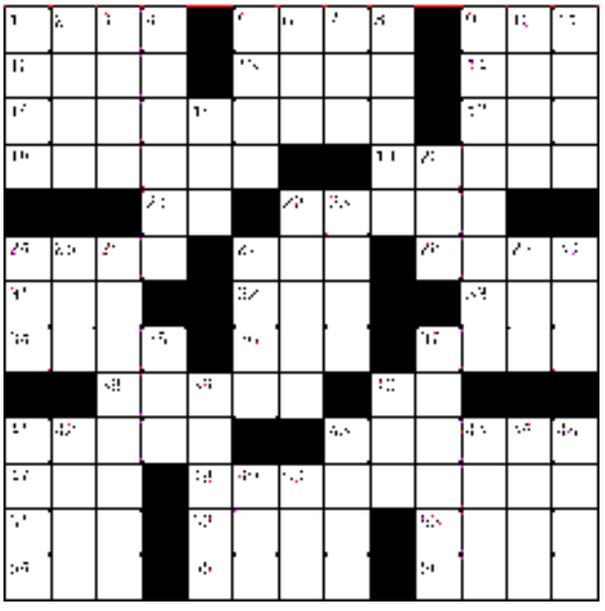

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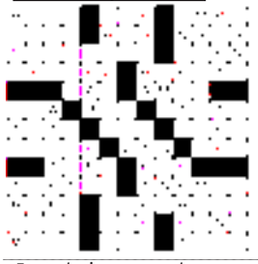
▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

	3			6		4		9
			4		1		6	8
	9	2			5		4	
			8		6			
	6		2			9	7	
9	4		1		7			
8		7		3			5	1

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

9	2	5	8	3	6	4	7	1
4	8	1	5	7	9	2	6	3
3	6	7	2	4	1	8	9	5
6	4	3	7	8	5	1	2	9
2	7	8	1	9	3	5	4	6
1	5	9	6	2	4	7	3	8
5	9	2	4	6	8	3	1	7
7	1	6	3	5	2	9	8	4
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Me, Happy Birthday to ME, made it 3 monts, how strange my 3 month is tomorrow!! All the best **F**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 There is no point criticizing someone because he or she has failed to live up to your expectations.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You'll be feeling somewhat fragile today, so be kind to yourself. Rest up.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 This is no time for doubts. Throw caution to the wind and let your instincts guide you.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Make sure you are not being misled by those who have an axe to grind or an agenda to fulfill.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Get out into the world and meet as many new people as you can.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You'll be able to convince those whose financial help you may need that your cause is deserving.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Venus, your ruling planet, moves into your sign today, which is an incredibly good omen for both relationships and money matters.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will learn about yourself over the next 24 hours. It'll come in handy.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Friends will bring you luck today, and make life more enjoyable.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You must look for ways to enhance your status and give your reputation a boost. Believe in yourself.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't waste time telling others what it is you are going to do – just do it. More action, less talk.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If you compromise your principles once, you will be expected to do so again. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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As the price of gold reached a record high, the Better Business Bureau warned sellers across B.C. to beware of scammers hoping to rip off people cashing in. Prices for the precious metal have soared over $1,700 an ounce, and BBB President Lynda Pasacreta says that she's seen a corresponding increase in people falling victim to unscrupulous buyers. *"We've noticed that, especially in the online world, people are sending in their gold, and then they're either being disappointed with the price they're being quoted or they're not hearing anything -- [the gold] just kind of disappears,"* she told CTV News. *"The BBB is currently handling 19 complaints against a single gold-buying company in mainland B.C."* There are no complaints about J&M. We are well known to pay the best prices in town.

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http://www.bullioncoinsandbars.com/article-2011-08-09-bbb.htm

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	September 1		September 2	
Item/Description	They Pay	J&M Pays	They Pay	J&M Pays
10kt scrap gold, per gram	$17.42	$18.79	$18.00	$19.45
14kt scrap gold, per gram	$24.39	$26.39	$25.20	$27.32
1 oz. Recognized Gold Bar	$1,625.00	$1,773.71	$1,665.41	$1,836.52
1 oz. Gold Maple Leaf Coin	$1,692.00	$1,784.96	$1,745.20	$1,848.26
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1 oz. Krugerrand	$1,787.75
Sovereign	$418.67

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1 oz. silver bar	$42.87
10 oz. silver bar	$431.71
100 oz. silver bar	$4,229.22
1 oz. silver Maple Leaf	$43.21

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1948 $1	$900.00 and up
1890H 50¢	$500.00 and up
1875H 25¢	$200.00 and up
1889 10¢	$350.00 and up
1921 5¢	$4,000.00 and up
1923 1¢	$14.00 and up

Silver Coins *Per $1.00 Face Value*

Canada 1968	$13.63
Canada 1967	$17.42
Canada 1966 and earlier	$22.35
USA 1964 and oder	$27.13

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10kt	$19.45
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